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LB 852 should be adopted. All of those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays on the adoption Senator Crosby's amendment to the committee amendments.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The amendment is adopted. The committee amendments are now pending. Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Dierks, a question, if I may, just relating the committee amendments to the new material that's in the bill itself. The committee amendment, the bill itself requires a criminal background check of all employees who have some direct client contact. I'm assuming that means all employees of any group that's hired, or any organization that's hired to contract for specialized services. That's...is that accurate to begin with? That's what we're talking about, these employees of these different groups?

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: That's the reason for part of the committee amendments, to include all of them, Senator Beutler. We...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So then with the committee amendments, the committee amendments direct itself to employees of state operated services and facilities. So, you seem to be applying the same idea to the state side.

SENATOR DIERKS: Yes, that's true.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, then my question is this, the explicit material with the nature of the fingerprint check, does that tie back in also to those who do contractual services? In other words, the new language in the green copy, which says, criminal background check, is it the same kind of criminal background check as is delineated in the committee amendments for the state agencies? And, if so, how is that tied back in, in a technical sense?

SENATOR DIERKS: Well, it is intended to be ...